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SUBJECT: NPG - WORKING PAPER ON NEW TECHNOLOGY FOLLOW-ON  
WORK

REF: (A) USNATO 06872 (DTG 152138Z JUL 77), (B) USNATO  
06536 (DTG 071339Z JUL 77), (C) USNATO 05965 (DTG  
241648Z JUN 77), (D) STATE 154404 (DTG 020128Z JUL 77)  
SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES MISSION COMMENTS ON THE  
INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS) WORKING PAPER ON NEW TECHNOLOGY  
FOLLOW-ON WORK (NPG(STAFF GROUP)WP(77)7) (REF A). NPG  
STAFF GROUP WILL DISCUSS THE PAPER ON JULY 26, AND WE HAVE  
REQUESTED GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. THE IS WORKING PAPER RESPONDS TO NPG STAFF GROUP  
CONSENSUS (REF B, PARA 11) THAT FURTHER WORK BY THE NEW  
TECHNOLOGY STUDY GROUP SHOULD BE DELAYED PENDING PROGRESS  
IN THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE INITIATIVES. WE BELIEVE THAT,  
ALTHOUGH THE PAPER REACHES THIS CONCLUSION, IT REQUIRES  
EDITING BOTH TO SHORTEN IT AND TO REMOVE SOME INAPPROPRIATE  
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PASSAGES SUCH AS THE LINKAGE OF CRUISE MISSILES TO NEW  
TECHNOLOGY FOLLOW-ON EFFORTS. PROCEDURALLY WE BELIEVE  
SILENCE PROCEDURE APPROVAL AT THE PERMREP LEVEL, AS  
SUGGESTED IN THE COVER NOTE, TO BE APPROPRIATE.

2. OUR SPECIFIC COMMENTS, LESS MINOR EDITORIAL FIXES,  
FOLLOW:

. A. PARA 3; THIRD SENTENCE FROM THE END; DELETE:

"...AND SINCE UNITED STATES INITIATIVES IN THE FIELD ARE STILL TO BE CONSIDERED..." RATIONALE: ONLY THE US OUTLINE ON TNF HAS YET TO BE CONSIDERED.

. B. PARA 5; REWORD AS FOLLOWS: "WE NOTE AT THIS

POINT THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM (LTDP) INITIATIVES, THE DPC IS IN FACT IMPLEMENTING THE SUBSTANCE OF SOME OF THESE GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS." RATIONALE: CLARITY.

. C. PARA 6; DELETE. RATIONALE: BREVITY.

. D. PARA 7, FIRST TICK; REWORD THE LAST SENTENCE TO

READ: THE MODERN TECHNOLOGY ASPECTS OF MARITIME NUCLEAR WARFARE MAY BE COVERED IN THE TNF MODERNIZATION PROGRAMME (LTDP 10). IF NOT, THIS ISSUE COULD BE DEALT WITH IN THE FOLLOW-UP WORK TO THE MARITIME NUCLEAR WARFARE STUDY(17) WHICH IS UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE NPG FORUM. RATIONALE: PROVIDES MORE FLEXIBILITY.

. E. PARA 9, DELETE REFERENCES TO CRUISE MISSILES IN

THE FIRST TWO SENTENCES AND BEGIN PARAGRAPH AS FOLLOWS:

. "TASK FORCE 8 ON RATIONALIZATION FORESEES, AMONG OTHER THINGS, COORDINATED LONG-TERM ACQUISITION PLANNING AND SCHEDULING, AND THE DOVETAILING..." RATIONALE: CONFIDENTIAL

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CRUISE MISSILE DISCUSSION IN NATO SHOULD NOT BE EXPANDED BEYOND THE PRESENT BOUNDS. (REF D)

. F. PARA 10, SECOND SENTENCE: DELETE. RATIONALE:

PRESUMPTUOUS AND NOT NECESSARY.

. G. PARA 10, THIRD SENTENCE, REVISE TO READ: "WE

INTEND TO RETURN TO THE SUBJECT ONCE THIS IS DEEMED NECESSARY, AND WE COULD EVENTUALLY SUGGEST FULL REACTIVATION..." RATIONALE: IT IS PREMATURE AT THIS TIME TO STATE WITHOUT QUALIFICATION THAT THE FULL STUDY PANEL SHOULD BE REACTIVATED.

. H. SECTION V: DELETE. RATIONALE: IF THE REPORT

IS APPROVED AT PERMREP LEVEL BY THE SILENCE PROCEDURE, THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOT REQUIRED. BENNETT

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